



1988

# AUSTRALIA

*at a glance*



Australian Bureau of Statistics

## DEMOGRAPHY

1976-77 1981-82 1985-87

### Population and vitals

Population and vital statistics				
Population at 30 June	'000	14,192.2	15,184.2	p16,248.8
aged less than 15	%	26.5	24.7	p22.6
aged 15-64	"	64.4	65.4	p66.7
aged 65 and over	"	9.1	9.9	p10.7
Births	'000	227	237	p243
Deaths	"	111	111	p116
Marriages	"	112	116	p111
Divorces	"	45	44	n.v.

### Overseas movements

Net permanent and long term movement	'000	+43	+123	+104
Visitor arrivals, short term	"	540	952	1,590
Resident departures, short term	"	966	1,248	1,569

## LABOUR

1984-85 1985-86 1986-87

### Labour force

	'000	1967	1968	1969
Civilian labour force, May—males	4,445	4,541	4,622	
females	2,820	2,996	3,097	
Unemployed persons, May	602	592	636	
Job vacancies, May	56.6	54.4	53.8	
Trade union membership, June	3,154	3,186	3,216	
Industrial disputes, work days lost	1,306	1,447	1,131	

## Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Award rates of pay index—wage and salary earners, adult persons (at 30 June)	1976=100	208.3	216.5	228.9
Earnings, all employees	\$	344.10	366.50	387.80
Hours (incl. overtime), full-time non-managerial adult employees, November	No.	40.1	39.7	n.a.

## FINANCE

### Government finance

	\$ m	1985	1986	1987
Revenue (all governments)		76,039	85,987	97,081
Cwith income tax, persons	..	29,289	32,714	38,049
Other Cwith government taxes	..	23,597	25,973	28,047
State and local government taxes	..	12,964	14,277	16,153
Total outlay (all governments)	..	90,045	101,080	109,776
Final consumption expenditure	..	35,846	39,876	43,502
Personal benefit payments to residents	..	21,197	22,897	24,704
Expenditure on new fixed assets	..	14,764	17,131	18,683

### Private finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$ m	47,279	54,336	56,768
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	38,878	42,614	52,452
Housing finance commitments to individuals				
Trading banks	"	1,384	1,620	1,091
Savings banks	"	6,908	6,563	9,296
Permanent building societies	"	3,917	2,552	2,070
Other significant lenders	"	1,313	1,305	872

Public unit trusts total assets			
Listed	3,248	4,254	n/a
Unlisted	4,786	6,429	n/a
Cash management	1,561	3,307	3,371

**Agriculture**

Gross value of agriculture	\$ m	15,436	15,398	p17,161
Crops	"	7,867	7,378	p7,632
Livestock slaughtering etc.	"	3,783	3,883	p4,638
Livestock products	"	3,785	4,131	p4,883
Wheat production	'000 tonnes	18,666	16,167	16,190
Wool production	"	814	829	887
Meat production	"	2,086	2,234	2,373

**Mining**

Iron ore and concentrates(a)	'000 tonnes	91,441	97,660	97,449
Black coal	"	145,173	155,604	182,254
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	mega litres	30,956	31,742	31,648
Natural gas	gigc litres	12,963	14,305	15,042

**Manufacturing**

Steel ingots	'000 tonnes	6,311	6,826	6,387
Cement	"	5,659	6,048	5,847
Tobacco and cigarettes	"	27	27	28
Beer	m. litres	1,855	1,863	1,861
Assembled, complete motor vehicles	'000	405	390	322
Electricity	m kWh	119,199	124,369	130,153
Electric motors— under 720 W	'000	2,159	1,918	2,061
Yarn—Cotton	tonnes	19,923	20,501	21,161
Wool	"	22,385	23,800	23,086

**Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles,  
parts, petrol etc.)**

\$ m	47,028	52,520	56,808
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**PRICE INDEXES**

Consumer (8 capital cities)	1980-81=100	137.2	148.7	162.6
Export	1974-75=100	223	235	243
Building materials—House	1985-86=100	93.4	100.0	105.8
Other	1979-80=100	155.5	167.9	180.9
Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85=100	100.0	104.9	105.4
Articles produced	1968-69=100	404.8	430.3	458.5

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	\$ m	214,735	240,082	264,888
Gross farm product	"	9,035	9,004	9,734
GDP at 1979-80 prices	"	139,628	145,904	148,959
Gross farm product at 1979-80 prices	"	8,635	8,509	8,732
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	49,181	55,965	60,798
Gross fixed capital exp -private	"	34,235	38,224	41,741
Household income	"	176,810	197,434	217,042
Private consumption expenditure	"	127,013	141,960	156,299

(a) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources

(b) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Energy

<b>Foreign trade</b>				
Total exports, f.o.b.	\$ m	29 708	32 818	35,783
Total imports		29 049	34 691	37,022
Percentage of total exports to—Japan	%	26.9	28.4	25.4
E.E.C.	"	13.0	14.1	16.7
Percentage of total imports from—Japan	"	22.7	23.8	20.9
U.S.A.	"	22.1	21.0	21.9
<b>Major export commodities, f.o.b.</b>				
Wool (greasy)	\$ m	1 981	2 286	2,840
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	1 374	1 701	2,249
Wheat	"	2 857	2 969	2,168
Machinery and transport equipment	"	1 479	1 618	2,613
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	"	4 578	4 855	4,853
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	4 665	5 252	5,456
Sugar	"	576	616	634
<b>Major import commodities</b>				
Machinery	"	8 246	10 765	11,357
Transport equipment	"	3 654	4 377	4,065
Chemicals and related products	"	2 549	3 024	3,472
<b>Balance of payments</b>				
Balance on current account	\$ m	-11,075	-14,539	-13,230
Balance of merchandise trade				
(B.O.P. basis)	"	-881	-3,422	-1,768
Net services	"	-3,988	-3,889	-2,886
Net income	"	-6,568	-8,060	-9,924
Net unrequited transfers	"	362	832	1,348
Balance on capital account	"	11,819	14,780	10,715
Total official	"	5,253	7,560	2,385
Total non-official	"	6,566	7,230	8,330

## TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	'000	9,118	9,291	9,374
Cars and station wagons, June	"	6,843	6,985	7,073
New motor vehicles registered(a)	"	721	648	492
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	10,413	11,277	12,042
Overseas services (Australian airline)	"	16,859	18,233	n.a.

## BUILDING

New houses (number completed)	'000	111.8	108.2	91.5
New other dwellings (number completed)	"	30.6	32.3	28.2
Value of new dwellings completed	\$ m	6,659	7,317	6,790
Value of other buildings completed	"	5,129	7,162	7,742

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated

p indicates preliminary—figure subject to revision

Area			
Population (June 1987)p	'000 sq km	802	228
Crops (area sown) 1986-87p	'000	5,605.3	4,207.7
Numbers at 31/3/87—Sheep and lambs	'000 hectares	5,370	2,275
Cattle and calves	mil.	51.1	25.8
	"	4.8	3.3
Output			
Wool (greasy basis) 1986-87p	'000 tonnes	287.4	196.2
Wheat for grain 1986-87p	"	4,765	2,761
Beef and veal 1986-87p	"	361	310
Mutton and lamb 1986-87p	"	173	206
Whole milk intake by factories 1986-87p	m litres	902	3,692
Copper (metallic content) 1985-86	'000 tonnes	27	—
Iron ore and concentrates 1985-86	"	—	—
Tin concentrate 1985-86	tonnes	2,479	—
Coal (saleable) 1985-86	'000 tonnes	64,081	35,469
Crude oil (incl. condensate) 1985-86	mega litres	—	25,766
Natural gas 1985-86	giga litres	—	5,506
Gross value of production			
Agriculture 1986-87p	\$ m	4,763	4,018
Fishing 1985-86	"	n.a.	n.a.
Value added			
Mining 1985-86	"	2,155	3,070
Manufacturing 1984-85(c)	"	14,060	13 154
Income per head of mean population 1985-86	\$	12,986	12,956

(a) Excludes milk and eggs in the A.C.T. (b) Excludes N.S.W., Vic. and Qld. (c) Excludes s. year.

n.p. Not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable). n.a. n.p.

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne
Population (June 1986)	'000	3 472.7	2 931.9
Average annual rainfall	mm	1 214	655
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.7	5.7
Temperature			
January, average maximum	°C	25.5	25.8
average minimum	"	18.4	14.0
July, average maximum	"	15.9	13.3
average minimum	"	7.9	5.7

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1 727	984	2 526	68	1 346	2	7 682
2,675.3	1,393.8	1,496.1	449.1	158.4	263.2	16,248.8
3,013	3,112	5,927	80	10	1	19,788
14.5	17.3	33.4	4.9	—	—	147.0
9.1	0.9	1.6	0.6	1.4	—	22.0
75.0	112.8	188.8	26.3	—	—	887.0
899	2,346	5,373	5	—	—	16,139
592	82	96	39	22	6	1,513
27	76	72	20	—	9	584
604	369	248	347	—	—	6,162
169	11	n.p.	27	n.p.	—	242
—	1,876	92,990	n.p.	—	—	n.p.
2,303	—	679	8,243	n.p.	—	n.p.
63,997	2,182	3,765	330	—	—	134,355
1,726	2,221	1,769	—	187	—	31,669
514	5,295	2,928	—	31	—	14,274
3,427	1,828	2,568	439	123	(a)6	(a)17,161
n.a.	76	139	59	29	—	(b)303
3,105	1,019	2,970	154	481	3	12,956
4 388	3 095	2 513	938	129	113	38 387
11,066	11,868	11,551	10,999	12,962	15,077	12,420

Single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed at end of

Not available n.y.a. Not yet available.

Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
1 196.0	1 003.8	1 050.4	178.9	74.8	281.0
1 151	528	873	628	1 681	626
7.5	6.9	7.9	5.8	8.5	7.2
29.4	29.5	29.6	21.4	31.7	27.6
20.7	16.4	17.7	11.6	24.7	13.1
20.4	15.0	17.3	11.5	30.3	11.1
9.5	7.3	9.0	4.4	19.2	-0.3

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# INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS: AUSTRALIA AND SELECTED COUNTRIES—1986

<i>Country</i>	<i>Estimated Population (millions)</i>	<i>Surface Area km<sup>2</sup> (' 000s)</i>	<i>Population density (per sq km of surface area)</i>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>16.02</b>	<b>7,682.3</b>	<b>2</b>
Canada	25.61	9,976.1	3
France	55.39	547.0	100
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	61.05	248.6	245
Italy	57.22	301.2	190
Japan	121.49	372.3	320
Netherlands	14.56	40.8	355
New Zealand	3.38	268.7	12
Sweden	8.37	450.0	19
United Kingdom	56.76	244.0	228
U.S.A.	241.60	9,372.6	26

	<i>Birth rate (per 1000)</i>	<i>Life expectancy at birth</i>		<i>Consumer price index 1980 = 100.0</i>
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>72.77</b>	<b>79.13</b>	<b>148.9</b>
Canada	14.8	71.88	78.98	162.4
France	14.1	70.42	78.38	162.0
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	10.2	70.84	77.47	120.7
Italy	10.1	70.61	77.19	201.5
Japan	11.5	74.54	80.18	115.2
Netherlands	12.7	72.99	79.54	122.9
New Zealand	16.3	71.19	77.67	199.6
Sweden	12.2	73.84	79.89	160.3
United Kingdom	13.3	71.61	77.59	146.3
U.S.A.	15.5	71.00	78.30	133.1

Sources: For foreign countries: United Nations Demographic Year Book 1985  
 United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics November 1987  
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